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**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE PURSUANT
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Applicants: Yoshinori NAKAYAMA

Application No.: 09/379,104

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Title: SCHEDULE RETRIEVAL METHOD FOR CONTROLLING
SCHEDULES AND SCHEDULE SERVER APPARATUS WITH
MULTISTAGEOUS IDLE-TIME RETRIEVAL MEANS

Art Unit: 3628

Examiner: N. Nguyen

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**SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
AGREEMENT REACHED DURING AN INTERVIEW WITH EXAMINER ON 2/3/03**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

February 19, 2003

Sir:

Supplemental to the Response filed on February 3, 2003 to the final Office
Action (Paper No. 17) dated on October 3, 2002, the following amendments,
remarks and arguments are submitted in the above-identified application for the
Examiner's consideration and entry.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 10-14, as follows:

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- 1 **10. (Thrice Amended)** A schedule management system, comprising:
 - 2 a schedule server which stores schedules of participants and schedules of
 - 3 equipments reserved by ones of said participants, and which divides schedules of